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D. DAVIDSON-STOTTLEMYER MEMCON

1. DESPITE WIDESPREAD ACCEPTANCE AMONG TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES, WE CONTINUE BE CONCERNED AT DOLS 500 PER MAN REIMBURSEMENT PROPOSAL BECAUSE OF ITS FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND WINDFALL POSSIBILITIES. U.S. OVER-ALL INTERESTS SERVED BY MOST EFFECTIVE AND PRO-WESTERN MIDDLE EAST PEACEKEEPING FORCES AT LOWEST REASONABLE COST TO UN.

2. WE ARE EVEN MORE CONCERNED AT POSSIBILITY THAT CURRENT FUNDING FORMULA MAY BE THREATENED. WE HAD HOPED THAT COM-PROMISE WORKED OUT LAST SESSION WOULD HOLD, PARTICULARLY
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BECAUSE IT SO CAREFULLY TOOK ACCOUNT OF AND BALANCED MANY

DIVERSE INTERESTS. FYI: AUTHORIZATION LEGISLATION FOR UNEF/UNDOF PRESENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY CONGRESS COULD LIMIT U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO UNEF/UNDOF TO PERCENTAGE PAID LAST YEAR. END FYI.

3. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD DESIRE REASONABLE TROOP REIMBURSEMENT FORMULA (ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REFTELS B AND C) WE HAVE GREATER INTEREST IN HOLDING AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO CURRENT FUNDING PERCENTAGE. (AFTER ALL, PROJECTION OF CURRENT RATES OF INFLATION WOULD SOON RENDER OBSOLETE ANY OF TROOP REIMBURSEMENT FORMULAS CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED.)

4. ACCORDINGLY, WE COULD ACCEPT DOLS 500 PER MAN REIMBURSEMENT FORMULA (WITH NO ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE FOR TECHNICIANS) IN RETURN FOR GUARANTEE THAT U.S. PERCENTAGE IN CURRENT FUNDING FORMULA BE RETAINED. USDEL MAY THEREFORE MAKE AGREEMENT ALONG THESE LINES UNDER FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

A. OTHER PARTY MUST BE TROOP CONTRIBUTOR OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE DELEGATION WHO CAN DELIVER VOTES OF BOTH TROOP CONTRIBUTORS AND LDCS.

B. FIRM ASSURANCE THAT AGREEMENT WOULD HOLD IN UNGA VOTE.

5. IF THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A DEAL, USDEL SHOULD GIVE CLEAR PRIORITY TO ITS EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT PRESENT FUNDING FORMULA IS EXTENDED FOR UNEF/UNDOF RENEWAL PERIOD.

6. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE COMPREHENSIVE AND CLEAR REPORTING CONTAINED REFS A AND D ENABLING US BETTER WEIGH ALTERNATIVES. WOULD HOPE USDEL COULD CONTINUE KEEP US INFORMED AS IT PURSUES SOUNDINGS IN SECRETARIAT AND AMONG DELEGATIONS. SISCO

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